

CLEAN VERSION OF SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Page 3, lines 9-12, please amend this paragraph as follows:

B1
Turning to Figure 1 a typical, conventional, large telephone network comprises a number of local exchanges L interconnected via trunk exchanges T. Each local exchange L is connected to two (or more) trunk exchanges T, which are fully-meshed. In current networks this fully-meshed trunk interconnect typically uses mainly plesiochronous digital hierarchy (PDH) transmission.

Pages 5-6, please amend the paragraph bridging these two pages as follows:

B2
The existing trunk exchanges, could still be used, e.g., as regional trunk exchanges digital junction switching units (DJSUs), allowing reduction or elimination of sideways routes between local exchanges. If at any time these regional trunk exchanges are overloaded, the traffic can be handled in the main trunk (router) network.

Page 14, please amend the paragraph at lines 15-16 as follows:

B3
1. If the far end is not happy, it should force clear all calls and hold that route busy (but still send its own check cells);